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Gaeton Fonzi, the author of a talked-about Washingtonian magazine article on the Kennedy assassination, is now a co-defendant in the \$35 million libel suit filed by former CIA officer David Atlee Phillips. Fonzi, a former investigator for the House Select Committee on Assassinations, said he didn't know about the lawsuit until a reporter told him four days after it was filed. Because of that, Fonzi didn't want to comment about the lawsuit except to say the article had gone through Washingtonian's lawyers, "otherwise we wouldn't have been able to print it." Fonzi is now a contributing editor to a Town and Country-type magazine on Florida's Gold Coast near Fort Lauderdale. He said the article, titled "Who Killed JFK?" was based on his experience as a committee investigator and the committee's final report.